

## AN OPEN LETTER

To President Taft

### RACE PREJUDICE IN THE ARMY

Washington, D. C., June 10, 1911.  
President William Howard Taft,  
Executive Mansion,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Permit me on my own behalf and on behalf of the National Independent Political League, to thank you for the stand you take against race prejudice in the Army of the United States. Both I and the League represent, stand for equal rights and opportunities for all American citizens, and we feel it our duty to commend any man or set of men who stand for the same principle.

We would beg to remind your Excellency of the prejudice which now exists and has existed for more than 40 years against the colored men of the Army and Navy of the United States, and to appeal to you as commander of the land and naval forces of our country to use your influence and good offices in helping to banish this hydra-headed monster from the Army and Navy of our beloved country.

You will agree with me that the United States has no more loyal, brave, competent and self-sacrificing soldiers than the colored men who have been and who are now enlisted in the Army of this country, and yet few, if any, in the four colored regiments have ever been put into the Regular Army as commissioned officers, and the examination of enlisted men for promotion to the position of Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army, which you have ordered, and which appeared in the public press June 9, does not contain the name of a single colored soldier, nor have we seen the name of any such soldier in any list for examination which has been ordered by you since your incumbency of the office of Chief Executive of the Nation. We cannot believe that you mean to be a party to race prejudice in the United States Army, nor do we believe that in the four regiments of colored soldiers in the United States Army there are no enlisted men who are capable of passing the examination for Second Lieutenant. It must be that your failure to order such men before the Examining Board of the Army for promotion is an oversight, and we believe you simply need to have this matter called to your attention, and you will in the future give colored soldiers, as well as soldiers of Jewish or Hebrew extraction, the same opportunity afforded white soldiers. I am, yours,

J. MILTON WALDRON,  
Pastor Shiloh Baptist Church and National Organizer of the National Independent Political League.

Below will be seen a list of white persons the President has designated to take the examination:  
A board of army officers has been ordered to meet at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., July 1 next for the competitive examination of such enlisted men as may be ordered before it to determine their fitness for promotion to the grade of Second Lieutenant in the cavalry, field artillery or infantry. The detail for the board is Lieut.-Col. William Stephenson, Medical Corps; Capt. William T. Johnston, 15th Cavalry; Capt. John J. Toffey, Jr., 7th Infantry; First Lieut. Ernest R. Gentry, Medical Corps, and Second Lieut. Stanley W. Wood, 7th Infantry.

Enlisted men already designated to take the competitive examination are: Sergt. Archibald D. Cowley, Co. M, 28th Infantry; Corp. John Dabney, Co. F, 6th Infantry; Corp. Patrick Frissell, Co. F, 17th Infantry; Battalion Sergt.-Maj. Floyd C. Hecox, 8th Infantry; Corp. Thomas G. M. Olyphant, Battery E, 6th Field Artillery; Corp. Joseph D. Patch, Co. D, 9th Infantry; Sergt. Mert Proctor, Battery A, 4th Field Artillery; Private Theophilus Steele, Co. G, 7th Infantry, and Private William J. Wrona, Battery B, 3d Field Artillery.

**SENATOR BAILEY IS ANSWERED BY SENATOR CLAPP.**  
Sees Negro on Plane With the White Man—Racial Strife to End—Denies Truth of History Is With the Confederates—Declares God Never Made Any Race for Permanent Bondage and Servitude to Others, and the Same God, He Says, Will Lift the Negro Race to the Desired Goal—Pronounces Eulogy of Abraham Lincoln.

Washington on the color line and throwing down the gauntlet to Senator Bailey, whose passionate eulogy of Jefferson Davis seemed to be his target, Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, delivered a notable address in the Cosmopolitan Temple Baptist Church last night on "The Opportunity of the Black Man." He threw aside the veil of the future and saw the Negro on a plane of equality with the white man; he saw artificially imposed limitations and racial strife vanish in the light of a new era. As he painted these things in glowing rhetoric and firm conviction, his audience, largely composed of Negroes, cheered wildly.

**Eulogy of Lincoln.**  
He eulogized Lincoln in contrast to Senator Bailey's tribute to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy; he denounced slavery, "permanent bondage and servitude"—in contrast to the Texan's statement that "the truth of history lies on the Confederate side."

His reply to Senator Bailey could

not have been more complete, or more obviously planned as a reply, had he attempted to reply to the Southerner categorically.

"The black man is surrounded by many limitations," said Senator Clapp, "and it is his problem, if he wishes to be recognized on a plane of equality with the white man, to grasp every opportunity for development and advancement. The wise man studies the question of limitations, and makes a progressive fight to overcome them. You must, however, distinguish between real and imaginary limitations."

"God never made any race for permanent bondage and servitude to others," continued the speaker, "and in the to-morrows to come your descendants will glory in the triumph accomplished through your efforts today. There is absolutely nothing in the limitations of color to prevent the black man from being fully as honest, sober, industrious, and of as much service to the community and Nation as the white man."

"But God will not lift the race to the desired goal without the efforts of man himself. Your effort must be in a way individual, and you must mass this through brotherly co-operation. Push forward with high ideals, emphasizing activity among your race, and remember that you cannot live on the achievements of others of your color in the past."

**Will Outlive Caesars.**

The Senator paid high tribute to Lincoln, the parent of Negro's freedom, and declared his name will last when Caesars have been forgotten in the onward rush of the years. He also praised the Negroes for the marvelous progress they have made since their emancipation, and emphasized the fact that their advance has been many fold more rapid than the progress of the white man in his process of evolution.

Judge E. McHewlett delivered a most eloquent address. He was applauded throughout.

### DEANWOOD CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

**A Big Time at the Porters' Exchange To-night—New Rathskeller To-Night Will be Opened.**

The members of the Citizens' Association of Fairmount Heights were entertained at the Porters' Exchange on Thursday evening last by Mr. Thomas Redmon, proprietor. This was one of the most sumptuous collations ever spread for a company of men. Mr. Charles E. Payne, president of the association, made a few remarks, introducing various members. Dr. W. W. Jones, president of the Southeast Suburban Citizens' association, with all its officers and members, was introduced and made a speech of thanks for the invitation extended his association. This was an evening of mirth, joy, songs and speeches. A quartette was engaged by Mr. Redmon for the evening. Mr. Frank Bronham, one of the best in the hotel business, opened the dining-room door, and the feast given the guests would do credit to the banquet given King Arthur.

Those present were John George, J. Addison, Wallace Chapman, Dr. W. W. Jones, R. Johnson, R. D. Mullen, J. H. Lewis, C. Mitchell, R. Milton, Mr. Charty, Chas. Payne, J. Traubell, Frank Wells, H. Pearson, W. B. Coles, A. H. Dorsey, R. Harris, H. Anderson, G. N. Brown and R. H. Tilghman.

To-night Mr. Redmon will open his new rathskeller, with a seating capacity of more than 200 people. He has engaged to extra men to assist him on this occasion. Some of the best talent in the city has been engaged to furnish music.

### \$700,000 Endowment.

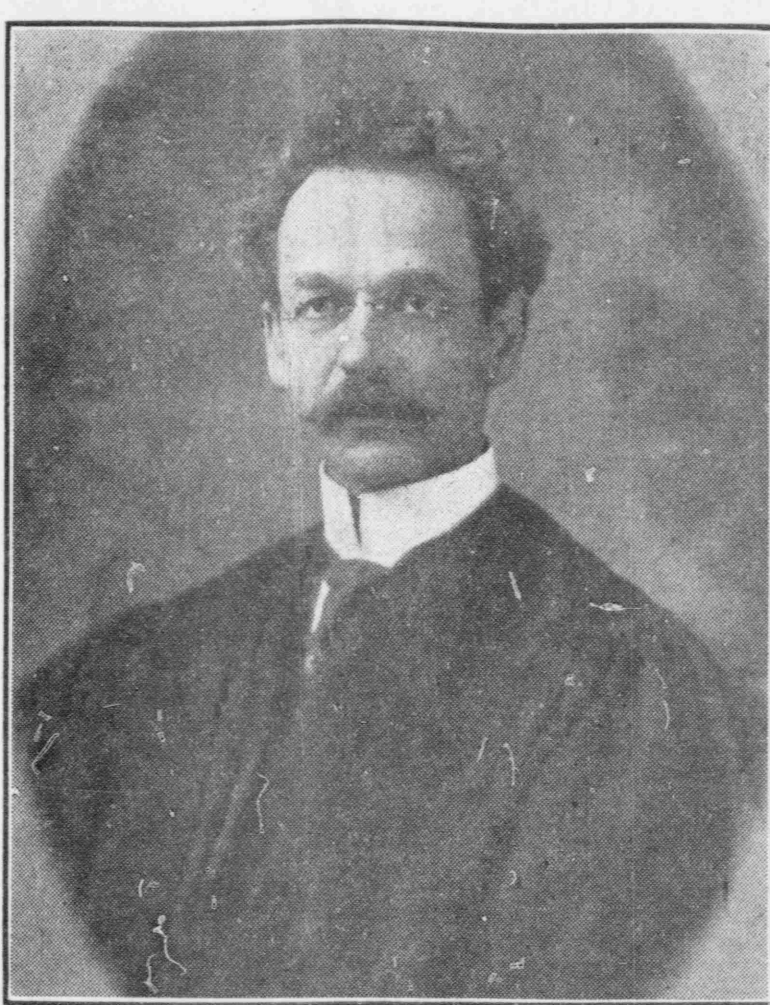
Lincoln University, June 6. Despite the inclement weather 500 people turned out to the annual Commencement exercises of Lincoln University, Pa. The junior orators occupied the morning; the winners of the prizes were Mr. Brooks Saunders, of North Carolina, and J. W. Rhett, of Alabama. The Alumni Association held a meeting at the close of the exercises. The Commencement exercises were presided over by Rev. John N. Rendall, D. D., vice-president. The honorary orations by members of the graduating class were Mr. W. J. McLean, of South Carolina, who delivered the Latin salutatory; J. B. Bell, of Arkansas, "The Mastery of the Pacific"; J. H. Bougs, of Georgia, "Is It Worth While?"; and T. Nicholls, of British Guiana, "The Land of Raleigh's Dream."

Congressman Frank M. Nye, of Minnesota, addressed the students. A. A. Pope, of Georgia, delivered the valedictory. Rev. Isaac N. Rendall, president, conferred the degrees. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Rev. William A. Credit, D.D., pastor of the First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia, and president of Downingtown Industrial School. He is known the country over as a scholar and orator, and whose fame is now being heralded upon the horizon of the Old World. There were 28 graduates.

The trustees announced a bequest of \$80,000 from Mrs. Mary Moyer, of New York City, and several smaller bequests amounting to \$25,000, which will bring the endowment fund up to \$700,000. The faculty is anticipating with pleasure the entrance next year of His Highness, James James, the son of the royal instructor to the King of Swaziland, South Africa. The year just closed has been one of the most successful in the history of this famous school for colored men.

### St. Luke's.

The St. Luke's Church and Sunday-school excursion to Washington Park Read advertisement elsewhere for particulars. Secure your ticket now.



JUSTICE WENDELL PHILLIPS STAFFORD,  
Who Delivered Commencement Address to Graduates of Howard University

### Our Girls.

In pursuance of the policy that the girls of the public schools deserve and require the same consideration in athletics as do the boys, the first appearance of the girls of Normal School No. 2, M Street High School and Armstrong Manual Training School in games and dances, created much favorable comment at True Reformers' Hall on last Saturday evening. The occasion was a sort of meet for the benefit of the school playgrounds.

No more enthusiastic audience ever assembled to witness indoor games. The girls were applauded from time to time and the cheering knew no bounds. Especially pleasing were the Swedish Exercises, Rolling Ball and Putting Into Goal, the Circle Dance by Armstrong School, and the Obstacle Relay.

The meet, which was held Saturday, tends to grow in proportions, to include girls of the elementary schools and become a part of the Public Schools Athletic League. It is also hoped that the games and dances will be held in a more suitable hall, and that the admission will not be restricted to too great an extent.

The program was as follows:

**First Half.**  
Hill Dance, Normal No. 2; (a) Dance, (b) Swiss Dance—Swiss May; (a) Rolling Ball Between Feet; (b) Passing Objects; Rolling Pig; Captain Ball; (a) Waltz Minuet, (b) Irish Ratsh; Captain Ball; Circle Dance.

**Second Half.**  
Swedish Exercises; Jolly Old Miller; (a) Board Walk, (b) Ace Diamonds; Dodge Ball; Rolling Ball and Putting Into Goal; Long Ball; Get Club; Dance—La Tzame; Basket Ball; Obstacle Relay.

The games were under the direction of Miss A. J. Turner, assistant director of physical training. She was assisted by her corps of teachers.

### Athletic Notes.

The Dunbar Athletic Association, of Baltimore, is an organization of young men whose example Washington might well follow. Over half the members are school teachers and principals who actively compete. Just now their aim has been that of developing a Public Schools' Athletic League, and they are receiving the aid of the P. S. A. L. in the white schools, which has existed for over five years. The activities and influence of the club are positive agencies for health of body, mind and morals of the boys and men of the city.

The boys of Logan School have done creditable work as athletes. Mrs. Tucker and her corps of teachers are thoroughly active in the interest of the development of the boys, morally and physically, as well as mentally. James Stokes, as captain of the baseball and track teams, has proven himself an athlete and leader of ability. James Jackson, Howard Blake and Charles Monroe are among the pick of the athletes. The baseball team was second only to the division champions, and the track team did remarkably well on May 30.

The athletic meet on the 30th was not run off as well as some other meets have been. This was to a very large extent due to the lack of responsibility for a smooth performance felt by some of the officials, and the desire of the officials to congregate and chat when the duty of the position filled called their presence to other parts of the field and other activities. It is earnestly hoped that officials attend to the duties of their positions, that these meets do not drag.

Dean Moore, of Howard University, spoke on the occasion of the awarding of prizes to successful track athletes of Armstrong. He asserted that the ideas of education had changed greatly in the past 50 years in America and 100 years in Europe. Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic as aims of education were now superseded by the three H's, Head-culture, Heart-culture and Hand-culture, in

which the mental, moral and physical parts of man were considered and developed in modern schemes of education. Physical training is a necessary phase, and as Dean Moore said, "The system based on the three 'R's' is just 50 years old." The I. S. A. A. trophy and individual medals were awarded the schools and athletes. Dr. Evans, Dr. Moore, Messrs. Compton, Cowan, Washington, Mattingly and Henderson were on the platform.

The splendid exhibition directed by Miss Anita Turner, Director of Physical Training in the Colored Schools, held at True Reformers' Hall, was a very creditable entertainment and showed briefly how much work can be done among girls when suitable gymnasiums exist in the community. Human vanity plays as large a part in the activities of an athletic nature among girls as with their brothers. Praise for special exhibitions of skill is as pleasing to a girl athlete as to others. Too many prim and trim genteel ladies among us advise against girls doing the things athletic with the reason that natures may become coarse, and many a girl grows to womanhood but a poor excuse for the healthy broadminded woman she may have become. We need but note the athletic careers of Miss Taft, Miss Sutton, Miss Eleanor Vanderbilt and many thousands more to observe the falsity of the notion. Throughout the country girls on playgrounds are being taught to play team games that the co-operative lessons learned thereby may further add to woman's power in modern civilization. Let us encourage physical sports for girls along with the attainments at whist and society.

M Street High School faculty played Armstrong faculty baseball team and won 20 to 19. In the first inning, Armstrong Profs were unable to make an out, and M Street scored 11 runs. Heaves were made into centerfield, bleachers and backstops. Judgment was rare (raw). With men on first and third balls propelled by the mighty arm of the catcher sailed over second into centerfield. Fielders held balls until bases were clear and finally the side was retired when the pitcher had fanned four batters. Not dismayed, Armstrong braced and began to wield the willow effectually, with the result that they were several times in the lead before the game was over. Menard, of M Street, got a home run, and Henderson got a home run, a three-bagger, two two-baggers and a single. Wilkinson, Williams, Murray and Cromwell were strong all over. The game showed a few flashes still left of the scintillating blaze that once sparkled about the diamond heroes, now but reminiscences of former selves.

At the annual business meeting of the Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association last week at Howard University, Haley G. Douglass, of M Street High School, was elected president for the ensuing year. Numerous plans for broadening the work of the Association were suggested and will be carried out.

The Executive Committee recommended that football among its secondary school members be taken over as one of the sports under the jurisdiction of the I. S. A. A. The championship basketball ball season will commence in December and close before the 22d of February.

An indoor and outdoor track meet will be held in season, and cross-country runs and swimming contests will be further developed.

The following officers were elected and committees appointed: President, Haley G. Douglass, of M Street High School; vice-president, Benjamin Washington, of Armstrong Technical High School; vice-president, J. A. B. Callis, Baltimore High School; recording secretary, Samuel Compton, Armstrong Technical High School; corresponding secretary, William A. De Catur, Howard University; treasurer, Garnet C. Wilkinson, M Street High School; general manager, Edwin

B. Henderson, High Schools.  
Mr. G. David Houston, of M Street High School, and Mr. James Thomas, of Baltimore High School, were new members sent by the respective schools to the Association.

**Committees.**  
Legislative and Finance—Messrs. G. C. Wilkinson, Cook, Henderson and Joiner.

Registration—Messrs. Compton, Callis, Marshall.

Records—Messrs. Washington, Cook, Houston, Williams.

Track—Messrs. De Catur, Callis, Henderson, Joiner, Marshall, Wilkinson.

Basket Ball—Messrs. Wilkinson, Compton, De Catur, Henderson, Washington.

Cross Country—Messrs. Mattingly, Henderson, Houston.

Swimming—Messrs. Henderson, Compton, Douglass.

Football—Messrs. Douglass, Washington, Mattingly, Wilkinson, Marshall.

### Masonic Notes.

Ze Rebel Court No. 1, Heroines of Jericho, held a largely attended meeting Monday evening. The Committee on T. A. Jackson Monument submitted a report of their work of the construction of the monument, which was unveiled May 30. Sir Knight Wm. Severson drew the design, which lines were built and is a most beautiful shaft, standing 10 feet high, three feet base, costing about \$225.

Prince Hall Chapter O. E. S., held their last meeting on Monday, taking a recess until September, which will be followed by other chapters, except in cases of emergency.

The Detroit drill team of K. T. are preparing for the campaign to meet here in 1912. Much credit is due Sir Knights W. W. Walker, Past Grand Lissapt Simmon, P. Burnett for their zealous work in getting the International Congress here in 1912. Prof. J. C. Nalle stock is rising in the market.

**Dr. Shepard in Town.**  
Dr. James E. Shepard, of Durham, N. C., arrived in the city Wednesday morning enroute for the East. He has a great deal of work before him. His Summer school will open July 1. His engagements for June, beginning Sunday, June 18, will be at Palmer, Mass. Monday, June 19, he will deliver the Commencement address to the students of Howard High School, Wilmington, Del. June 25, Steubenville, Ohio. June 27 he will deliver an address before the Presbyterian Conference of Ohio, after which he will return to this city and remain two days on important business. He left Wednesday evening for New York City.

**Confirmed Unanimously.**  
Assistant Attorney-General Lewis was unanimously confirmed Wednesday by the Senate.

### ENGLAND'S LIGHTHOUSES.

The Seven Districts Are Controlled by a Board Known as the "Elder Brethren."

The lighthouse service of England is controlled by a board composed of thirteen "elder brethren." When a vacancy occurs one of the "younger brethren" is selected by the "elder brethren" to fill it. The position is for life, and the salary is £500 a year. Any commanding officer of the navy or master of the merchant marine is eligible for election as one of the "younger brethren" by the "elder brethren." There is no salary attached to the position, but they are eligible for election as one of the "elder brethren."

England is divided into seven lighthouse districts, each in charge of a superintendent. The superintendents are persons who enter the service as apprentices at the age of thirteen and have worked up to the position of master on board of a steam tender. They are selected for the position of superintendent by the "elder brethren." A superintendent has control

### Editor of the American Demoted.

Mr. Oliver Randolph, one of the editors of the Washington American, who has been a clerk in the office of the Auditor of the Navy for two or three years, was transferred to the Treasury Department last week and demoted from a clerkship to a watchman's position. Rumor has it that his partner will soon follow.

### Martin's Opening.

The Martin Cafe will have a musical opening next Monday evening from 6 to 12 p. m. A full string orchestra has been engaged for the occasion. Everything will be free to his patrons except ice cream. Don't fail to visit this popular cafe.

Mr. Martin has gone to a great deal of expense in repairing his cafe, by placing in it electric fans, lights and repapering the entire large and commodious dining parlor. Martin's Cafe, 11th and U Streets, Northwest.

George M. Ward, who calls himself the oldest newsboy in New England, is celebrating his 65th year as a newspaper deliveryman. Mr. Ward has delivered papers since a date prior to the Civil War, over a route that covers 12 miles in all. He still goes over the same route every day in two hours and a half and shows no signs of fatigue.

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## PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings of the Week

### DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

### Paragraphic News.

The Washington Monument is to lose its fame as the highest structure about the Capital. A wireless tower of structural steel 45 feet taller than the monument is about to be erected by the Navy Department at Arlington Heights. This will be the tallest tower in the world excepting the Eiffel tower in Paris.

The original "Star Spangled Banner" that inspired Key to write the anthem, will be unfurled over the ramparts of Fort McHenry on September 12, the anniversary of the battle of North Point.

Uncle Sam has provided the Island of Culion, one of the islands of the Philippines, where all lepers in the Philippines are to be cared for. There are about 3,000 persons there. They have their own government, cultivate their own farms, and have their amusements and outdoor sports. Dean C. Worcester, Secretary of the Interior for the Philippines, is quite encouraged over the recent great discoveries for the treatment of the disease.

Harry Lipscomb received a medal from President Taft for bravery displayed by him on the U. S. S. North Dakota last September.

The Cadiz Informer, of Cadiz, Ky., says: "With no disrespect to Louisiana or any other State, but any State that can give to civilized nations six lynchings in one day is a State that needs missionaries."

It is stated over \$500 has been collected from colored men of Raleigh, N. C., in the interest of Leonard Hospital, at Shaw University, which is now in progress of erection.

The Legislature of Kansas appropriated \$105,000 for the Western University, which is colored. This is \$35,000 more than the school was given last year. Prof. H. I. Kealing is president of the school.

By the will of Mrs. Carolina C. Thompson, of Bridgeport, Conn., whose estate is estimated at over \$1,000,000, is disposed of. To her husband is given an annuity of \$6,000, and a life interest in the New York residence. A gift of \$5,000 is made for a free bed in the Bridgeport Hospital for the exclusive use of colored residents of the city.

Loss by fire in the United States for 1910 exceeded those in the previous year by \$25,000,000.

David Mannes, now the director of the New York Music School for Colored People, owes his training to a colored violinist by the name of Douglass, who, as a young man, had been taken to Europe and studied under one of the greatest violinists, Spohr. Prejudice being against him in this country, he had to make his living as a fiddler. David Mannes has undertaken to repay to the race what he received from the colored fiddler.

The oil painting of George B. Matthews of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee as shaking hands on the field at Appomattox, has created a great deal of excitement among the survivors of the lost cause.

A moonlight rainbow hung over the sea for a quarter of an hour last Friday night, 600 miles or more from the Atlantic Coast. The phenomenon is one of the rarest of marine spectacles.

The Bartlett cherry tree, at Caldwell, N. J., which was planted during the Revolutionary War by Josiah Bartlett, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was destroyed by a wind storm. The tree was more than fifteen feet in circumference and was one of the most noted landmarks in that section of the country.

In Trenton, N. J., a rare Indian relic was unearthed on a farm. It was a tiny head of baked clay. The features of the face are those of an Indian girl, and the workmanship was characteristic. Shell ornaments, such as were used by the Delaware Indians, was attached to its ears. In the same field excavators have uncovered many thousand Indian stone implements.

The American University in Massachusetts Avenue, extended, has received a magnificent gift from Mrs. Mountford, a native of Jerusalem. It is a rare collection of Biblical costumes, which Mrs. Mountford spent years in gathering in the Holy Land. The collection is valued at \$50,000.

A Mr. Charles H. Smiley (colored), a Chicago caterer, left in his will \$3,000 with which to establish a scholarship at the University of Chicago. The only restriction made in connection with the bequest was that colored people should be given the preference.

More than a score of Poosapatuck Indians and their families and several friends, conducted what their statisticians assert, is the 930th annual reunion of the tribe. The 53-acre tract at present occupied by the tribe, was set aside for them in 1700 by William Smith.

The 134th anniversary of the birth of the Stars and Stripes was observed by the Government departments, patriotic societies and schools throughout the District last Wednesday. The Bible is said to contain 3,566,480 letters, 810,696 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The longest chapter is 119th Psalm, the shortest is 117th Psalm, and the middle verse of the Bible is eighth of the 118th Psalm.